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REMARKS

Status of the Application:

Claims 1–51 are the claims of record of the application. Prior to the interview, claims 7–42 have been withdrawn and claims 1–6 and 43–51 were the claims elected for examination.

An Office Action was received on July 1, 2005 stating that the response received at the Patent Office to the Office Action of January 7, 2005, was improper because, the Examiner asserted, Applicants were switching species.

Telephone Interview on July 13, 2005

Applicants and the undersigned appreciate the Examiner's and her Supervisor's attention and courtesy during the telephone interview held July 13, 2005 between the Examiner, her Supervisor Vivian Chin, and the undersigned. Discussed were the invention, the restriction requirement of March 15, 2004, and Examiner's last Office Communication stating that the response received to the Office Action of January 7, 2005 was improper. An argument was presented by Applicants that Examiner's statement that Applicants were switching species in their response to the January 7, 2005 Office Action was wrong, and that FIG. 3 was generic to at least FIGS. 4 through 9, and that claims did not include features that the Examiner asserted characterized species I.

Agreement was reached that the original restriction requirement of March 15, 2004 was improper in that there was a generic claim to many of the species. The Examiner and Supervisor stated that the restriction requirement of March 15, 2004 is to be voided, and a replacement restriction requirement would be issued. No such Office Action voiding the original restriction requirement and issuing a new restriction requirement has been received to date.

Thus, the restriction requirement of March 15, 2004, the Office Action of January 7, 2005, and the response(s) thereto are now moot in view of a new restriction requirement expected for this case.

Examination of the Application and, if a restriction requirement is still correct, issuance of a new restriction requirement to replace the restriction requirement of March 15, 2004 are solicited.

The Applicants believe all of Examiner's concerns have been addressed with respect to all claims, and that the claims are ready for examination. Action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would advance the prosecution and allowance of this application, an email message to the undersigned at dov@inventek.com, or a telephone call to the undersigned at +1-510-547-3378 is requested.

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